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Kweku Baako, Mahama Is A Politician, Not A Statesman, Trust Me

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I have given him due credit and even commended him for his indisputably outstanding sleuthing journalistic skills, absolutely without hesitation, when I thought he promptly deserved the same. But on this occasion and subject at hand, I feel compelled to let Mr. Abdul-Malik Kweku Baako, the dynamic Editor-Publisher of the ***New Crusading Guide***, fully appreciate the egregious blunder that he commits when he describes former President John Dramani Mahama as “a



statesman." Such description, of course, regrettably cheapens the title and inexcusably insults the intelligence of forward-thinking Ghanaians, almost as if the age-old venerable label of "a statesman" were some badly frayed "Oburoni Wawu," or used clothing, that one could just lightly slip into without any care or shame (See "Kweku Baako Scolds Amewu Over 'Out of Order' Comments" *Adomonline.com / Ghanaweb.com* 5/4/18).

You see, it is grossly unguarded comments like Mr. Baako's that make hardened political criminals like Mr. Mahama think and believe that unconscionably facilitating the broad-daylight emptying of our national treasury, by way of giving double salaries to cabinet appointees, also serving as parliamentarians, when teachers and nurses have not been paid for months and, even in some cases, years is a patent act of criminality of the highest order, not a sterling display of emulative leadership or statesmanship. Rather, to be aptly described as a "statesman" means that one is or has been a responsible politician or nonpartisan leader with the collective good of the nation and its citizenry at heart. I just don't clearly see where Mr. Mahama has transcended the pettiness and opportunistic tendencies commonly associated with political partisanship.

The fact of the matter is that the man is still pathologically divisive in his political orientation and pronouncements and may likely never cross over to become a statesman in the traditional sense of the term, or in the way that one can readily describe Dr. J. B. Danquah and Messrs. George Alfred "Paa" Grant, John Agyekum-Kufuor and Aaron Michael Oquaye, to name a handful, as vanguard statesmen of Ghana. Merely having succeeded to the Presidency by crudely and luridly playing "Spare-Tire" politics does not make one a statesman, or a stateswoman, for that matter. The latter title comes with a lot hard work and emotional and moral maturity. Deviously encouraging illegal small-scale miners to defy the law by recklessly engaging in the wanton destruction of the environment, and thus seriously threatening the long-term existence and survival of Ghanaian humanity, such as Mr. Mahama is widely reported to have done a week ago, on grounds of unemployment, makes the former President a veritable conman nonpareil, not a statesman. It was tantamount to unwisely admonishing these predatory Galamseyers to embark on mass suicide.

And so I don't see why Mr. Baako, himself the son of a legendary politician, and later a statesman, should have such a hard time calling the most divisive and ethnically chauvinistic politician in postcolonial Ghanaian history the unconscionable conman that he indisputably is. Merely having succeeded to the Presidency, largely by default, does not make one a statesman, especially when one takes into account the primary reasons and factors leading to the massive and auspicious democratic ouster of the then-incumbent President Mahama. Then also, Mr. Baako significantly, and perhaps too cavalierly, ignores the characteristically disrespectful and irresponsible language that has become the rhetorical fare of the former Rawlings' Communication Minister. Indeed, it is in view of the foregoing observations that I vehemently beg to differ with Mr. Baako, an otherwise fair-minded and a virtual institutional legend of Ghana's media establishment.

You see, an incurably vindictive personality like Mr. Mahama does not deserve anybody's respect but our utter disdain, especially when one shockingly realizes the fact that other than helping himself and his cronies to rob our national coffers clean, the man had absolutely no remarkable and/or progressive agenda for the development of Ghana. To be frank with Mr. Baako, the Lands and Natural Resources Minister, Mr. John Peter Amewu, was too polite and diplomatic to have only mildly described Mr. Mahama as a "conman." The fact of the matter is that the former President is a genocidal war criminal in a peacetime who ought to be in judicial custody awaiting rigorous prosecution and stiff prison sentencing.

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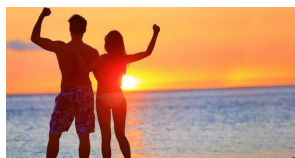
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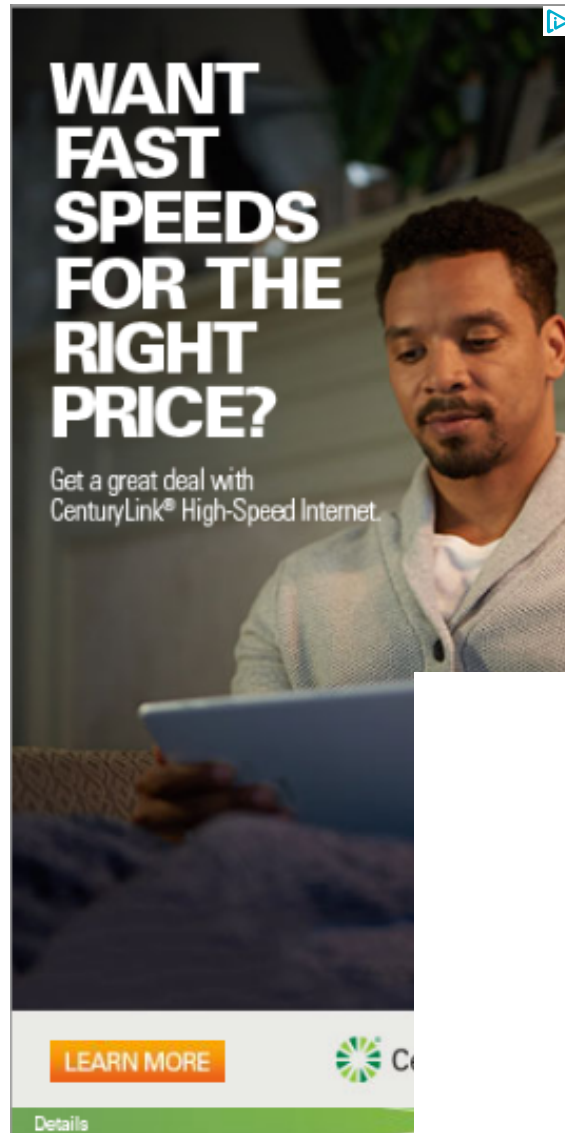


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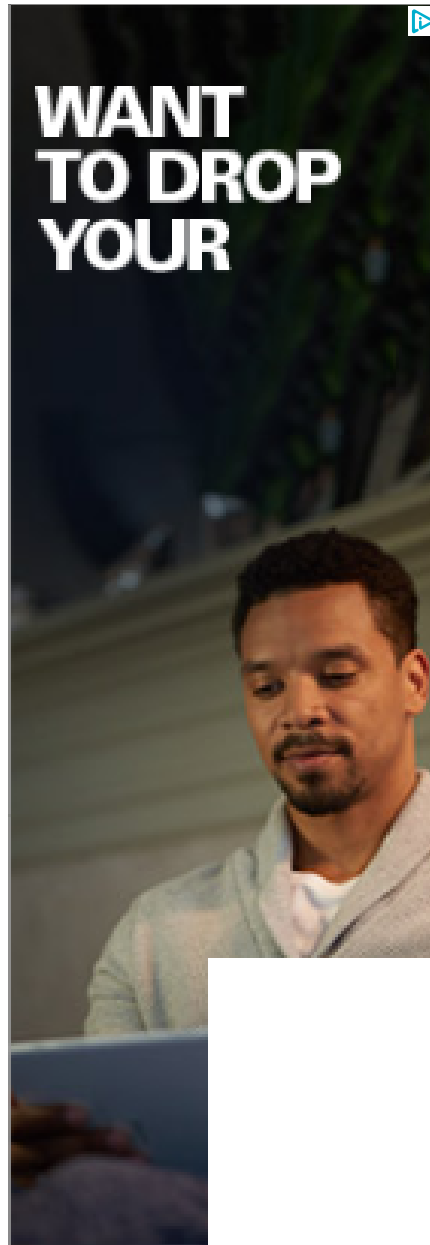
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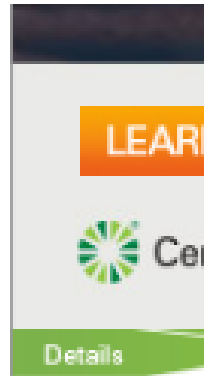
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